

Chapter 1 - GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1.01 TITLE OF CODE.

These collected Ordinances shall be known and referred to as the “Town of Turtle Code of Ordinances.”

Section 1.02 PRINCIPLES OF CONSTRUCTION.

The following rules or meanings shall be applied in the construction and interpretation of Ordinances codified in this Code of Ordinances unless such application would be clearly inconsistent with the plain meaning or intent of the Ordinances:

- (a) Acts by agents. When an Ordinance requires an act be done by a person which may be legally performed by an authorized agent of that principal person, the requirement shall be construed to include all acts performed by such agents.
- (b) Code and Code of Ordinances. The words “Codes,” “Code of Ordinances” and “Municipal Code” when used in any Section of this Code shall refer to this Code of Ordinances of the Town of Turtle unless the context of the Section clearly indicates otherwise.
- (c) Computation of time. In computing any period of time prescribed or allowed by these Ordinances, the day of the act or event from which the period of time begins to run shall not be included, but the last day of the period shall be included, unless it is a Saturday, a Sunday or a legal holiday. If the period of time prescribed or allowed is less than seven (7) days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays shall be excluded in the computation. As used in this Section, “legal holiday” means any statewide legal holiday specified by state law.
- (d) Fine. The term “fine” shall be the equivalent of the word “forfeiture,” and vice versa.
- (e) Gender. Every word in these Ordinances referring to gender shall be gender neutral. When “he/she” is used, this shall be construed to mean both sexes.
- (f) General rule. All words and phrases shall be construed according to their plain meaning in common usage. However, words or phrases with a technical or special meaning shall be understood and construed according to that technical or special meaning if such is the intent of the Ordinances.
- (g) Person. The word “person” shall mean any of the following entities: natural persons, corporations, partnerships, associations, bodies politic or any other entity of any kind which is capable of being sued.
- (h) Repeal. When any Ordinance having the effect of repealing a prior Ordinance is itself repealed, such repeal shall not be construed to revive the prior Ordinance or any part thereof, unless expressly so provided.

- (i) Singular and plural. Every word in these Ordinances referring to the singular number only shall also be construed to apply to several persons or things, and every word in these Ordinances referred to the plural number shall also be construed to apply to one (1) person or thing.
- (j) Tense. The use of any verb in the present tense shall not preclude the interpretation of the verb in the future tense where appropriate.
- (k) Town. The term “Town” shall mean the Town of Turtle, Rock County, Wisconsin.
- (l) Wisconsin Statutes. The term “Wisconsin Statutes” and its abbreviation as “Wis. Stats.” shall mean, in these Ordinances, the Wisconsin Statutes for the year 2003-2004, as amended.
- (m) Wisconsin Administrative Code. The term “Wisconsin Administrative Code” and its abbreviation as “Wis. Adm. Code” shall mean the Wisconsin Administrative Code as of the adoption of this Code, as amended or renumbered from time to time.

State Law Reference: Legal Holidays, Section 256.17, Wis. Stats.

Section 1.03 CONFLICT OF PROVISIONS.

- (a) If the provisions of different Chapters conflict with each other, the provisions of each individual Chapter shall control all issues arising out of the events and persons intended to be governed by that Chapter.
- (b) If the provisions of different Sections of the same Chapter conflict with each other, the provision which is more specific in its application to the events or persons raising the conflict shall control over the more general provision.

Section 1.04 SEPARABILITY OF PROVISIONS.

If any provision of this Code of Ordinances is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by reason of any decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of any other provisions of these Ordinances.

Section 1.05 EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCES.

- (a) **Code.** The Code of Ordinances, Town of Turtle, Rock County, Wisconsin, shall take effect as provided by state law.
- (b) **Subsequent Ordinances.** All Ordinances passed by the Town Board subsequent to the adoption of the Code of Ordinances, except when otherwise specifically provided, shall take effect from and after their publication or legal posting.

State Law Reference: Sections 66.0103 and 60.80, Wis. Stats.

**Section 1.06 CLERK TO MAINTAIN COPIES OF DOCUMENTS
INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE**

Whenever any standard code, rule, regulation, statute or other written or printed matter is adopted by reference, it shall be deemed incorporated in this Code as if fully set forth herein, and the Town Clerk shall maintain in her office a copy of any such material as adopted and as amended from time to time or have access to such material on the Internet. Materials on file at the Town Clerk office shall be considered public records open to reasonable examination by any person during the office hours of the Town Clerk subject to such restrictions on examination as the Clerk imposes for the preservation of the material.